GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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LAYING OF TELEPHONE CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have achieved the target fixed for laying of telephone cables in the country during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): The year 2001-2002 is still in progress. The achievement up to 31.1.2002 for PIJF Underground Cable is 331 Lakh Conductor Kilo Metres (LCKMs)against the target of 502 LCKMs and that of Optical Fibre Cable is 55644 Route Kilo Metres (RKMs against the target of 146000 RKMs for 2001-02.

(d) The necessary steps to speed up the cable supply and execution work have been taken by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephones Limited (MTNL) for achieving the targets.